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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS: PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Report of the Secretary-General

SUMMARY

The present report contains information on the progress of the work of the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat during the biennium January 1992-December 1993, including a summary of major accomplishments (paras. 4-5), a review of departures from originally programmed outputs/services (paras. 6-8) and a comprehensive report on the status of all outputs and services programmed for the biennium 1992-1993 (annex II). Points for discussion are given in paragraph 9.

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INTRODUCTION

1. The present report provides information on the status of outputs and services contained in the work programme of the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat (UNSTAT) for the biennium 1992-1993. It is compiled from the material prepared in connection with the report of the Secretary-General on programme performance, to be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-fourth session, scheduled for May 1994.

2. In response to the request of the Statistical Commission and its Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, information on programme implementation is presented in terms of subject-matter areas. This practice was initiated in the reports submitted to the Commission at its twenty-seventh session (see E/CN.3/1993/22 and E/CN.3/1993/23). The classification used is derived from the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) programme classification, which is broadly in use in the United Nations system for reporting on programmes on a system-wide basis. The classification is reproduced in annex I. Annex II contains comprehensive information on the status of each output or service in the Statistical Division's work programme for 1992-1993; within each subject-matter area, outputs and services are further classified in accordance with the United Nations subprogrammes in global statistics. 1/

3. Information on the work programme of UNSTAT for the biennium 1994-1995 was presented to the Commission at its twenty-seventh session, in 1993, in documents E/CN.3/1993/25 and E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1. The comments of the Commission on the statistics work programme were taken into account in developing the final proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. These were submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session for approval (see A/48/6 (Sect. 9)).

I. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GLOBAL STATISTICAL PROGRAMME IN THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

4. During the biennium 1992-1993, UNSTAT faced a number of special challenges. These included the impact of the continuing budget difficulties of the Organization, as well as a two-phased restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the Secretariat that had an unintended consequence of locating UNSTAT in three different departments in a two-year period. Despite these challenges, the biennium 1992-1993 was a period of particularly high productivity for UNSTAT, with a number of longer-term efforts and several new initiatives reaching a successful conclusion.

5. Some of the major accomplishments in statistics during the biennium included:

(a) Demographic and social statistics:

(i) Population:

a. Publication of four volumes of the Handbook of Population and Housing Censuses, and a technical report on the Demographic Sample Survey;

b. Development of a census information database and inventory consisting of national census questionnaires, enumeration manuals and other reports relating to the 1990 round of population and housing censuses;

c. Workshops on civil registration and vital statistics were held at Damascus for countries in Western Asia and at Beijing for countries in South and East Asia as part of the International Programme for Accelerating the Improvement of Vital Statistics and Civil Registration Systems. In addition, with the assistance of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), feasibility studies were carried out in five countries to assess the current situation and identify measures to improve civil registration and vital statistics in those countries;

(ii) Women (gender statistics):

a. Planning work and fund raising was completed for preparation of the second issue of The World's Women, to be published as part of the documentation for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Beijing in September 1995;

b. The User's Guide and Reference Manual for the Women's Indicators and Statistics Database (Wistat) was published, with continuing UNFPA support. Work on the third issue of Wistat is well under way;

(iii) Special population groups:

a. A special issue of the Demographic Yearbook, devoted to the ageing population and the situation of the elderly, was completed and sent for publication;

b. The Statistical Chart on Families was prepared and published, in collaboration with the secretariat of the International Year of the Family. More than 15,000 copies were distributed around the world in observance of the International Year of the Family in 1994;

c. Work on the review of the International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps is well under way, in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), the United

States National Centre for Health Statistics, the Central Bureau of Statistics of the Netherlands and Statistics Canada;

d. The International Workshop on the Development and Dissemination of Statistics on Persons with Disabilities was held at Ottawa in 1992, in cooperation with Statistics Canada and WHO;

(b) Economic statistics:

(i) National accounts:

a. The revised System of National Accounts (SNA) was adopted by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-seventh session and the English version was published in February 1994 as System of National Accounts, 1993 as a joint publication of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations and the World Bank;

b. The Interregional Seminar on the Revision of the SNA and the sixth and last Expert Group Meeting on SNA Coordination were held at Aguascalientes, Mexico, in October 1992;

c. Trends in International Distribution of Gross World Product was published as a special issue of the National Accounts Statistics yearbook;

(ii) Industry:

a. Coding links between major international classifications for industrial commodity production data were developed and published in volume II of the Industrial Statistics Yearbook;

b. A technical report, entitled "Strategies for measuring industrial structure and growth", was completed and submitted for publication;

(iii) International trade:

a. Coverage and timeliness of data in the COMTRADE database has been sharply increased;

b. Commodity Indexes for SITC, Revision 3, were incorporated into COMTRADE and a monthly report, "Comtrade Notes", was initiated to assist users;

c. There was a major reduction in the time needed to complete work on the most recent edition of the International Trade Statistics Yearbook (contains 1992 data);

d. Commodity Indexes to SITC, Rev.3 (vols. I and II) are ready for submission for publication;

(iv) Prices:

a. The Handbook of the International Comparison Programme (ICP) was published and technical documentation on the "Provisional list of core items with detailed specifications" was prepared and circulated;

b. An expert group meeting was held at Philadelphia in January 1993 to discuss the methodological and organizational issues for the implementation of the 1993 comparison of the ICP;

(v) General statistics:

a. An expert group meeting was held at United Nations Headquarters in February 1993 to review the Statistical Yearbook and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics;

b. The Statistical Yearbook was redesigned and the thirty-eighth edition was published;

c. The Statistical Yearbook CD-ROM was developed and released as a United Nations sales publication;

(c) Other statistics:

(i) Environment statistics:

a. The Handbook on Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting was published;

b. Pilot studies in integrated environmental and economic accounts were carried out in several developing countries;

(ii) Coordination:

a. UNSTAT promoted broad-based improvement in coordination across priority subject areas, largely through active participation in and support for the inter-agency task forces established by the Commission;

b. UNSTAT completed a significant review and initiated a realignment of compilation activities involving bilateral and multilateral agreements among agencies in trade and industrial statistics to improve the cost-effectiveness of the work and reduce the burden on countries;

c. UNSTAT successfully promoted and initiated actions in line with the 19 recommendations and decisions of the Statistical Commission (February 1993) on strengthening international statistical cooperation.

II. DEPARTURES FROM PROGRAMMED OUTPUTS/SERVICES

6. Initially, 144 outputs 2/ were included in the UNSTAT work programme for the biennium 1992-1993. An additional 57 outputs were subsequently added. Most of these related to work mandated by the Statistical Commission and activities that arose in connection with the review of global statistical systems and its follow-up. Taking into account both the original and the added outputs, a total of 201 activities were considered as programmed of which 167, or 83 per cent, were implemented before the end of 1993. 3/ Among the 34 outputs not completed by the end of 1993, 5 were formally terminated.

7. The formally terminated outputs were: (a) National Accounts Statistics: Analysis of Main Aggregates (34th and subsequent editions); (b) Directory of Technical Cooperation in Statistics; (c) Methods of Collecting Statistics on Elderly Women; (d) a microcomputer template for industrial data reporting in connection with the World Programme of Industrial Statistics; and (e) summary compilation of available statistical indicators on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.

8. The distribution of the remaining 29 unimplemented outputs by broad subject-matter is as follows: demographic and social statistics (11), economic statistics (11), general statistics (3), and other statistics, including environment statistics and classifications, (4). It may be noted that 3 of the 29 unimplemented outputs relate to manuscripts that have already been submitted for publication by UNSTAT and that work on an additional seven manuscripts is in the final stages of completion and review.

III. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

9. The Commission may wish to:

(a) Comment on the programme performance and implementation of UNSTAT during the biennium 1992-1993;

(b) Provide further guidance on priorities to be taken into account in implementing the work programme for 1994-1995;

(c) Comment on the format for presenting such information in the future.

Notes

1/ The five subprogrammes of the Statistics programme are: 1. Developing statistical concepts and methods for use by Member States; 2. Applying advanced technology in collecting, processing and disseminating integrated statistics; 3. Collecting, compiling and disseminating international statistics; 4. Coordinating international statistical programmes; 5. Support for technical cooperation in statistics and statistical data processing.

2/ For simplicity, the term "output" is used here to cover both tangible outputs and specifically programmed services.

3/ In the case of a publication or document, the term "implemented" means that it was actually printed and issued by the United Nations. It should be noted that the listing in annex II presents certain activities in somewhat greater detail than the information provided to the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) so as to permit the presentation of work separately by subject-matter. Thus, annex II covers some 230 items, while only 201 items are officially identified in the report to CPC. All analysis in this section corresponds to the figures compiled for CPC.

Annex I

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION CLASSIFICATION
OF WORK IN STATISTICS

A. Demographic and social statistics
   1. Social services
   2. Population
   3. Housing
   4. Labour
   5. Education
   6. Culture and mass communication
   7. Health
   8. Distribution of income and consumption
   9. Social security
   10. Poverty monitoring
   11. Role of women
   12. Other social, demographic and related statistics

B. Economic statistics
   1. National accounts
   2. Agriculture
   3. Forestry and fishery
   4. Industry
   5. Energy
   6. Services
   7. Construction
   8. Trade
   9. Transport
   10. Storage
   11. Communication and tourism
   12. Money and banking, interest rates and other private finance, public sector finance, balance of payments and external debt, exchange rates and capital flows
   13. Prices, including the International Comparison Programme
   14. Industrial property
   15. Science and technology
   16. Other economic statistics

C. Other statistics
   1. Environment
   2. Meteorological statistics
   3. Statistical capacity-building and training
   4. Other statistics, n.e.c.

Annex II

STATUS OF OUTPUTS/ACTIVITIES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
Demographic and social statistics		
Population		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Report - Demographic and social statistics,including statistics on the advancement of women	Issued
1.2	Manual on Procedures for Registering and Reporting a Vital Event in the Civil Registration System	In progress and due for publication in 1994-1995 biennium.
1.3	Feasibility Study on Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Ecuador	Implemented
1.4	Accelerated Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems in Guatemala	Published
1.5	Review and assessment of the National Registration and Vital Statistics System	Published
1.6	Demographic Sample Survey	Published
1.7	Handbook of Population and Housing Census, Part I: Organization and Administration	Published
1.8	Handbook of Population and Housing Census, Part II: Demographic and Social Characteristics	Published
1.9	Handbook of Population and Housing Census, Part III: Migration Characteristics	To be completed in the 1994-1995 biennium.
1.10	Handbook of Population and Housing Census, Part V: Economic Characteristics	To be completed in 1994-1995 biennium.
1.11	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users for technical materials and advice on concepts and methods in population	Implemented on a continuing basis
Subpro. 2		
2.1	International Migration Statistics Database (IMSTAT) on flow of migration and immigrant stock data on computer tapes/diskettes	Database update was carried out on a continuous basis
Subpro. 3		
3.1	Demographic Yearbook, 1990 and 1991 (42nd and 43rd editions)	Published
3.2	Population and Vital Statistics Report (8 issues)	Published
3.3	Preparation of population tables for the Statistical Yearbook and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics	Completed
3.4	Responses to ad hoc requests for population statistics to Member States and other users	Implemented on a continuing basis.
Subpro. 4		
4.1	Reports for the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections	Technical information provided from the Demographic Yearbook and related database.

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
4.2	Coordination with regional commissions, specialized agencies and other international statistical agencies in population statistics	Implemented as an ongoing activity.
Subpro. 5		
5.1	Outline for Preparing a Country Report on the Current Status of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems	Published
5.2	Abstracts of Country Reports presented at the Latin American Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (Buenos Aires, 2 - 6 December 1992)	Published
5.3	Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (Damascus, 20 - 26 June 1993)	Workshop held and report issued.
5.4	East and South Asian Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (Beijing, 29 November - 3 December 1993)	Workshop held. Report currently being finalized.
Housing		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Draft report on housing census recommendations in the context of the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme	To be prepared in time for the related expert group meeting scheduled in 1995.
Subpro. 3		
3.1	Computerized database on human settlements statistics	PC-based data processing software has been developed and is operational. Data entry is in progress.
3.2	Housing in the World - Graphical Presentation of Statistical Data	Published
Women		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Handbook on Production and Use of Statistics on Women in Development	Draft completed in October 1993 and currently under regional review.
1.2	Methods of Measuring Women's Economic Activity (former title: Methods of Compiling Supplementary Accounts to the System of National Accounts on Women's Contribution to Economic Activity in the Formal and Informal Sectors)	Published
Subpro. 2		
2.1	Women's Indicators and Statistics Spreadsheet Database for Microcomputers, version 2	Issued
Subpro. 3		
3.1	Report - Progress on the development of statistics and indicators on the situation of women	Issued
3.2	Report - Summary compilation of available statistical indicators on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women	Terminated
3.3	Compendium of Statistics and Indicators on the Situation of Women	To be completed in the 1994-1995 biennium.
Subpro. 4		
4.1	Coordination with regional commissions, specialized agencies and other international organizations on gender statistics	Coordination activities carried out on a continuing basis.

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
Subpro. 5		
5.1	Ad hoc provision of technical advisory services to Member States on gender statistics	Implemented
Special population groups		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Survey Methods for Collecting and Analysing Disability Statistics	First draft has been completed. Review is in progress.
1.2	International Workshop on the Development and Dissemination of Statistics on Persons with Disabilities (Ottawa, 13 - 16 October 1992)	Workshop held and report issued.
1.3	Expert Group Meeting to review the International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps (ICIDH) for use in censuses, surveys and registration systems	Rescheduled to 1994-1995 biennium. Preparations underway.
1.4	Substantive and technical services provided on an ad hoc basis to WHO Meetings on the Revision of the International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps	Implemented
1.5	Methods of Collecting Statistics on Elderly Women	Terminated
Subpro. 2		
2.1	International Disability Statistics Database (DISTAT), version 2	Work is in progress on its revised format. Data entry is partially completed.
Subpro. 3		
3.1	Demographic Yearbook, Special Issue on Ageing	Final manuscript has been completed and submitted for printing in January 1994.
3.2	Statistical Chart on the Ageing	Reformulated and published under new title "Statistical Chart on Families".
3.3	Statistical Chart and Indicators on Youth	Published
Subpro. 4		
4.1	Inter-agency meetings on ageing and disability	Meetings held leading to inputs to the Workshop on Statistical Dimensions of the International Conference on Population and Ageing (San Diego, 16 - 20 September 1992)
Other social statistics		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Report of the International Labour Office on statistics of employment in the informal sector	Issued
1.2	Report of the ILO on the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)	Issued
1.3	Draft Standard International Classification of Tourism Activities (in cooperation with WTO)	Submitted for publication
1.4	Report of the World Tourism Organization on draft recommendations on tourism statistics	Issued
1.5	WTO Steering Committee Meetings on Tourism Statistics (1992 and 1993)	Meetings held. Substantive and technical services provided.

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
	1.8 Guide to Computerization of Information Systems in Criminal Justice	Published
Subpro. 2		
	2.1 United Nations Social Statistics and Indicators Database on Microcomputer Diskettes: User's Guide	Reformulated and published as "Women's Indicators and Statistics Database: User's Guide and Manual".
	2.2 User's Guide for Demographic and Social Statistics Database System	To be completed in the 1994-1995 biennium.
	2.3 United Nations Social Statistics and Indicators Database on microcomputer diskettes (international core statistics database)	Draft program completed and will be published as part of World Statistics in Brief in 1994.
Subpro. 5		
	5.1 Report - Programme to monitor achievement of social goals in the 1990s and related methodological work	Issued
	5.2 Ad hoc provision of technical advisory services to Member States in the field of monitoring the achievement of social goals	Issued
Economic Statistics		
National accounts		
Subpro. 1		
	1.1 Report - Revision of the SNA	Issued
	1.2 Report - Implementation of the revised SNA	Issued
	1.3 Final draft of revised System of National Accounts, provisional edition	Issued for 27th Statistical Commission. Final text published in February 1994 as 1993 SNA.
	1.4 Report - Recommendations of the inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts on specific issues concerning the revised SNA	Issued
	1.5 Handbook on National Accounting: National Accounts Compilation and Reconciliation	Draft, reformulated as a technical report, in final stages of preparation.
	1.6 Handbook on National Accounting: Application of the SNA in Transition Countries	Revised draft in final stages of preparation.
	1.7 Handbook on National Accounting: Enterprise Sector Accounts	Scheduled for completion in 1994.
	1.8 Handbook on National Accounting: Household Sector Accounts	Scheduled for completion in the 1994-1995 biennium on the basis of support from UNFPA.
	1.9 Handbook on National Accounting: Constant Prices and Inflation Accounting	Scheduled for completion in the 1994-1995 biennium.
	1.10 Women and Men in National Accounts	Postponed
	1.11 Sixth Expert Group Meeting on the System of National Accounts (1992)	Meeting held.
	1.12 Interregional Meeting on the revised System of National Accounts (1992)	Meeting held.
	1.13 Meetings of the Committee on Contributions	Substantive and technical services provided to two sessions held in New York from 15 June - 3 July 1992 and 14 June - 2 July 1993

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
1.14	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on concepts and methodologies in national accounts statistics	Implemented
Subpro. 2		
2.1	Microcomputer databases/software development: National Accounts Database	Preliminary version of database is available. Software is operational.
Subpro. 3		
3.1	National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables (33rd edition)	Published
3.2	National Accounts Statistics: Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables, 1990 and 1991 (34th and 35th editions)	34th edition published; 35th edition submitted for publication in December 1993.
3.3	National Accounts Statistics: Analysis of Main Aggregates, (combined 31st and 32nd editions)	Published
3.4	National Accounts Statistics: Analysis of Main Aggregates, 1990 and 1991 (33rd and 34th editions)	33rd edition published as "Trends in International Distribution of Gross World Product"; 34th publication terminated.
3.5	Computerized database on national accounts statistics and related indicators	Database maintained on a continuing basis for dissemination to internal and external users.
3.6	Preparation of national accounts tables for the Statistical Yearbook and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics	Completed
Subpro. 4		
4.1	Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (1992 and 1993)	Ongoing collaboration and meetings held 2-4 September 1992, 25 January and 27-29 September 1993.
Subpro. 5		
5.1	Ad hoc provision of technical advisory services on compilation of national accounts and related statistics	Implemented
5.2	Technical advisory services on implementation of the revised SNA	Project formulation missions carried out in three countries.
5.3	Training seminars and workshops on compilation methodology and implementation of the revised SNA and the implementation	Seminars and/or workshops held in Costa Rica, China and the Latin American region.
Industry		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Report - World Programme of Industrial Statistics	Issued
1.2	Working paper on various strategies and approaches for collecting data on industrial activity for use with the 1993 World Programme of Industrial Statistics	Submitted for publication as a technical report entitled "Strategies for Measuring Industrial Structure and Growth".
1.3	Coding links between different classifications for industrial commodity production data	Issued
1.4	Microcomputer template for industrial data reporting in connection with the World Programme of Industrial Statistics	Terminated
1.5	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on technical materials and advice on industrial statistics	Implemented

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
Subpro. 3		
3.1	Industrial Statistics Yearbook, Volume I: General Industrial Statistics, 1989 (23rd edition)	Published
3.2	Industrial Statistics Yearbook, Volume II: Commodity Production Statistics, 1989 (23rd edition)	Published
3.3	Industrial Statistics Yearbook. Volume I: General Industrial Statistics, 1990 and 1991 (24th and 25th editions)	Published
3.4	Industrial Statistics Yearbook, Volume II: Commodity Production Statistics, 1990 and 1991 (24 and 25th editions)	Published
3.5	Computerized database on industrial statistics	Database maintained on a continuing basis for dissemination to internal and external users.
3.6	Preparation of industrial statistics tables for the Statistical Yearbook and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics	Completed
Subpro. 4		
4.1	Consultations and coordination with entities within and outside the United Nations system on industrial statistics	Ongoing coordination with other departments within the Secretariat, Regional Commissions, specialized agencies and other international organizations.
Subpro. 5		
5.1	Ad hoc provision of technical advisory services on concepts and methodologies in industrial statistics	Implemented
Energy		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on concepts and methodologies in energy statistics	Implemented
Subpro. 3		
3.1	Energy Statistics Yearbook, 1990 and 1991	Published
3.2	Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles, 1990	Published
3.3	Preparation of energy statistics tables for the Statistical Yearbook and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics	Completed
3.4	Responses to ad hoc requests for energy statistics from Member States and other users	Implemented
Subpro. 5		
5.1	Ad hoc technical advisory services in the improvement of national energy statistics	Implemented
Services		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Report - Work done by national and international agencies in the field of service statistics	Issued
1.2	Expert Group Meeting on Concepts, Classifications and Methods of Data Collection in Service Statistics (1993)	Meeting not held.
1.3	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on concepts and methodologies on service statistics	Implemented

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
International trade		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Commodity indexes to SITC, Rev. 3, Vols. I and II	Manuscripts to be completed in the first quarter of 1994
1.2	Joint report of the Secretary-General and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) on the general development and integration of methodological work	Issued
1.3	Update and revision of SITC (Rev.3) to keep correlation with the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC)	Amendment to SITC Rev. 3 issued. Additional work is in progress.
1.4	Information on country practices in international trade statistics	Information processed from 125 responses received to date.
1.5	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on concepts and methodologies in international trade statistics	Implemented
Subpro. 2		
2.1	Database of commodity trade statistics (COMTRADE)	Improved systems developed. Work is in progress on implementing Harmonized System (HS) classification versions of COMTRADE.
Subpro. 3		
3.1	International Trade Statistics Yearbook, 2 volumes each, 1990 and 1991 (39th and 40th editions)	Published
3.2	Commodity Trade Statistics, Statistical Papers Series D and microfiches	Twenty-six (26) and fifty-five (55) fascicles issued in 1992 and 1993, respectively.
3.3	COMTRADE trade statistics	National data coverage has been expanded to fill gaps and include more current information. Activity includes the provision of COMTRADE on microcomputer diskettes/magnetic tapes to internal and external users.
3.4	Preparation of trade statistical tables for the Statistical Yearbook and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics	Completed
3.5	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users for international trade and related statistics	Implemented
Subpro. 4		
4.1	Coordination in relation to international trade statistics, including task force meetings to improve data availability, estimates and adjustments	Implemented through formal and informal consultations with regional and other international organizations and participation in the Task Force for Improving International Trade Statistics (Geneva, 8-10 June 1993)
4.2	Coordination with the World Bank and other specialized agencies on a joint effort to improve the user interface for the United Nations international trade statistics database	Implemented through technical consultations.
Subpro. 5		
5.1	Ad hoc provision of technical advisory services, including training seminars and workshops, on concepts, methods and compilation of international trade statistics	Technical cooperation missions carried out in two countries.

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
Prices		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Report - Development in ICP and other related international comparison issues	Issued
1.2	Handbook on the International Comparison Programme	Published
1.2	Information Brochure on ICP	Manuscript completed. To be published in 1994.
1.3	ICP technical documentation particularly on the core-commodity approach to participating countries of ICP Phase VI Regional Comparisons	Published
1.4	Expert Group Meeting on the International Comparison Programme (ICP) (Philadelphia, 27 - 29 January 1993)	Meeting held. Substantive and technical services provided.
Subpro. 3		
3.1	Computerized database on price statistics (including the consumer price index) for the calculations of price-adjusted rate of exchange (PARE) and estimation of purchasing power parities (PPPs) based on the short-cut method	Database is operational and disseminated to internal and external users.
3.2	Computerized database on price/unit value and quantity indexes of aggregate trade and matrixes of international trade	System developed and operational. Data have been reviewed and improved for coverage and reliability.
3.3	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on price and related statistics	Implemented
Subpro. 4		
4.1	Inter-secretariat Working Group on the International Comparison Programme (ICP)	Meeting held. Substantive and technical services provided.
4.2	Coordination with specialized agencies and regional organizations on price statistics including the ICP	Implemented through technical consultations with concerned organizations on regional comparisons and through meeting of the Task Force on Price Statistics (including the ICP).
Subpro. 5		
5.1	Ad hoc technical advisory services on price statistics and implementation of regional comparisons	Services provided for the regional comparison programmes in Europe and Africa and Asia.
General statistics		
Subpro. 2		
2.1	Statistical Yearbook, 37th edition	Published
2.1	Statistical Yearbook, 38th and 39 editions	38th edition published; 39th edition to be completed in 1994.
2.2	Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (24 issues)	Published
2.3	World Statistics in Brief, 14th edition	Published
2.4	World Statistics in Brief, 15th and 16th editions	Format is being reformulated and reorganized for release in diskettes.
2.5	Selected Socio-economic Indicators for Monitoring Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2nd edition	Implemented as part of the Statistical Yearbook, CD-ROM version

Field and subprogramme	Output, service or activity	Status
	2.6 Expert Group Meeting on the Revision of the Statistical Yearbook (SYB) and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (MBS) (New York, 1-5 February 1993)	Meeting held. Substantive and technical services provided.
Subpro. 3		
	3.1 Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on general statistics	Implemented
Other statistics		
Environment		
Subpro. 1		
	1.1 Report - Progress in environment statistics	Issued
	1.2 National Accounts Handbook on Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting	Published
	1.3 Report on environment-related agricultural statistics	Reformulated for incorporation in a publication due in the 1994-1995 biennium.
	1.4 Inter-governmental Working Group on the Advancement of Environment Statistics	Substantive and technical services provided to meetings held 17-21 February 1992 and 14-18 December 1992.
	1.5 Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on concepts and methodology in environment statistics	Implemented
Subpro. 4		
	4.1 Inter-secretariat Working Group on Environmental Data (1992)	UNSTAT did not attend meeting. In 1993, Working Group was abolished and replaced by the Task Force on Environment Statistics with UNSTAT as convener.
	4.2 Coordination of the development and use of international environmental database with the assistance of the proposed inter-secretariat Working Group on Environmental Data and the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities	Some coordination was undertaken by ECE which organized the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Environmental Data. This Working Group was suspended in 1993 with the establishment of the Task Force on Environment Statistics.
Subpro. 5		
	5.1 Ad hoc technical advisory services in environment statistics including integrated environmental and economic accounting	Advisory services provided for national environmental accounting projects in China, Colombia, Indonesia and Thailand.
	5.2 Participation and/or coordination in training workshops and seminars in integrated environmental and economic accounting	Substantive and technical services provided for seminar in China.
Classifications		
Subpro. 1		
	1.1 Report - Review of national and international work and needs in the implementation of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC Rev. 3) and provisional Central Product Classification (CPC)	Issued

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1.2	Study on experiences in the use of provisional CPC, based on national and international practices	Issued
1.3	Conversion keys between ISIC (Rev. 3) and Classification of the Branches of the National Economy of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA)	Issued
1.4	Indexes to ISIC (Rev. 3)	To be completed in the 1994-1995 biennium.
1.5	Conversion from revision 2 to revision 3 of ISIC in reporting industrial data	To be completed in the 1994-1995 biennium.
1.6	Inventory of economic and social classifications used for statistical purposes	Postponed
1.7	Responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users on ISIC, CPC and functional classifications	Implemented
Subpro. 2 2.1	Microcomputer databases/software development: CPC Indices	Database has been completed for printing in February 1994.
Subpro. 5 5.1	Ad hoc technical advisory services on ISIC, CPC and functional classifications	Implemented
Coordination		
Subpro. 4 4.1	Report - Statistical work of the international organizations	Issued
4.2	Report - Plans of international organizations in the field of statistics	Issued
4.3	Report - Updated information on work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat	Issued
4.4	Draft proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1994-1995	Issued
4.5	Proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for the biennium 1994-1995 and revisions to the Medium-Term Plan (1992-1997)	Issued
4.6	Report of the fourteenth session of the Statistical Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination	Issued
4.7	Inventory of statistical data collection activities	Issued
4.8	Outlines of reports for the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission	Issued
4.9	Provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination	Issued
4.10	Report of the Review Group on strengthening international statistical cooperation	Issued
4.11	Report of the Secretary-General on problems, challenges and proposals on statistical cooperation	Issued
4.12	Report of GATT on merchandise trade statistics	Issued
4.13	Report of the Secretary-General on merchandise trade statistics	Issued

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4.14	Provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission	Issued
4.15	Comments on the recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fifteenth session, work done and additional action required for implementation	Issued
4.16	Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fifteenth session	Issued
4.17	Note by the Secretariat on the fundamental principles of official statistics	Issued
4.18	Note by the Secretariat on the organization of work of the session	Issued
4.19	Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission	Issued
4.20	Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination	Issued
4.21	Report on considerations relating to the agenda and documentation of the Special Session (1994) of the Statistical Commission	Issued
4.22	Report on the implementation of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA)	Issued
4.23	Report on other aspects of the Statistical Commission's recommendations	Issued
4.24	Report on the fundamental principles of official statistics	Issued
4.25	Report on the work of the Inter-agency Task Forces	Issued
4.26	Report of the twenty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission	Issued
4.27	Catalogue and References for United Nations Statistical Publications and Documents, 1993	Published
4.28	Two sessions of the Committee on Contributions (1992 and 1993)	Provision of substantive and technical services to sessions held in New York from 15 June - 3 July 1992 and 14 June - 2 July 1993.
4.29	ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities (1992 and 1993)	Substantive and technical services provided from 6 - 10 April 1992 and 6 - 8 September 1993.
Subpro. 5 5.1	Joint report of the Secretary-General and the World Bank on selected issues	Issued
5.2	Regular and formal consultations on technical cooperation activities in all aspects of statistics, including NHSCP, with entities of the Secretariat, regional commissions, specialized agencies and other regional and international organizations	Extensive consultations are ongoing. UNSTAT staff and technical advisers visited the regional commission on technical assistance missions. Information from UNSTAT Technical Cooperation Database are regularly supplied to the regional commission or organization concerned.

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Technological development & databases		
Subpro. 2		
2.1	Microcomputer databases and screening routines for improving the quality of industrial data	Improved systems developed and used in producing machine-readable data for internal and external users.
2.2	UNSIS: database comprising all data collected for the production of magnetic tapes for photocomposition	UNSIS/XICS maintained and used to photocompose major parts of publications on international trade, industry, energy and national accounts.
2.3	Systems support for development and maintenance of primary UNSTAT databases including COMTRADE and other trade databases, national accounts statistics, demographic statistics, industrial statistics, environment statistics, demographic statistics, human settlements statistics, etc.	Implemented through improved data processing facilities, storage and retrieval procedures and dissemination of databases in machine readable format.
Subpro. 4		
4.1	Technical Working Group on Statistical Databases of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities and liaison with UNEDIFACT (1992)	Chair and secretariat services provided to the Technical Working Group (Geneva, 29 April - 1 May 1992) and substantive and technical services provided to the EDIFACT Board Meeting (Vancouver 5-8 May 1992).
Other statistics		
Subpro. 1		
1.1	Report of the UNRISD on the patterns of consumption and qualitative aspects of development	Issued
1.2	Department of Disarmament Affairs on its database for analysis of military expenditures	Substantive and technical services provided on an ad hoc basis, as requested by DDA.
Subpro. 2		
2.1	Microcomputer databases/software development: Country/Area Codes for Statistical Use (M49)	Database is operational and is updated on a continuous basis for internal use.
Subpro. 5		
5.1	Report - Technical Cooperation in Statistics	Issued
5.2	Director of Technical Cooperation in Statistics	Terminated
5.1	Report - Progress made in the promotion of national household survey capabilities	Issued

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